

General

Title

Venous thromboembolism (VTE) diagnosis and treatment: percentage of patients suspected of DVT who have leg duplex ultrasound (DUS) performed, despite a low clinical pretest probability (CPTP) and a negative D-dimer test.

Source(s)

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Measure Domain

Primary Measure Domain

Clinical Quality Measures: Process

Secondary Measure Domain

Does not apply to this measure

Brief Abstract

Description

This measure is used to assess the percentage of patients age 18 years and older suspected of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) who have leg duplex ultrasound (DUS) performed despite a low clinical pretest probability (CPTP) and a negative D-dimer test.

Rationale

The priority aim addressed by this measure is to improve accurate diagnosis and treatment of venous thromboembolism (VTE).

It is estimated that over one million patients are identified as having an acute venous thrombotic event in the United States annually. This includes patients with deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism and is estimated to result in more than 100,000 deaths each year.

Patients with low clinical pretest probability (CPTP) of DVT, such as a score of zero on Wells scoring, can be safely managed by testing for D-dimer. If D-dimer is negative, duplex ultrasound can be omitted, and repeat ultrasound is not needed in one week unless new or progressive clinical symptoms occur.

Patients with a low CPTP of DVT and a negative D-dimer assay have a very low (less than 2%) risk of subsequent finding of DVT.

Evidence for Rationale

Aschwanden M, Labs KH, Jeanneret C, Gehrig A, Jaeger KA. The value of rapid D-dimer testing combined with structured clinical evaluation for the diagnosis of deep vein thrombosis. *J Vasc Surg*. 1999 Nov;30(5):929-35. [PubMed](#)

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Primary Health Components

Venous thromboembolism (VTE); deep vein thrombosis (DVT); clinical pretest probability (CPTP); D-dimer test; leg duplex ultrasound (DUS)

Denominator Description

Number of patients age 18 years and older suspected of a deep vein thrombosis (DVT) who have a low clinical pretest probability (CPTP) and a negative D-dimer (see the related "Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions" field)

Numerator Description

Number of patients age 18 years and older suspected of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) who have a low clinical pretest probability (CPTP) and a negative D-dimer who undergo a leg duplex ultrasound (DUS)

Evidence Supporting the Measure

Type of Evidence Supporting the Criterion of Quality for the Measure

A clinical practice guideline or other peer-reviewed synthesis of the clinical research evidence

Additional Information Supporting Need for the Measure

Unspecified

Extent of Measure Testing

Unspecified

State of Use of the Measure

State of Use

Current routine use

Current Use

not defined yet

Application of the Measure in its Current Use

Measurement Setting

Ambulatory/Office-based Care

Ambulatory Procedure/Imaging Center

Hospital Inpatient

Hospital Outpatient

Professionals Involved in Delivery of Health Services

not defined yet

Least Aggregated Level of Services Delivery Addressed

Clinical Practice or Public Health Sites

Statement of Acceptable Minimum Sample Size

Unspecified

Target Population Age

Age greater than or equal to 18 years

Target Population Gender

Either male or female

National Strategy for Quality Improvement in Health Care

National Quality Strategy Aim

Better Care

National Quality Strategy Priority

Health and Well-being of Communities

Prevention and Treatment of Leading Causes of Mortality

Institute of Medicine (IOM) National Health Care Quality Report Categories

IOM Care Need

Living with Illness

Staying Healthy

IOM Domain

Effectiveness

Data Collection for the Measure

Case Finding Period

The time frame pertaining to data collection is monthly.

Denominator Sampling Frame

Patients associated with provider

Denominator (Index) Event or Characteristic

Clinical Condition

Diagnostic Evaluation

Patient/Individual (Consumer) Characteristic

Denominator Time Window

not defined yet

Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions

Inclusions

Number of patients age 18 years and older suspected of a deep vein thrombosis (DVT) who have a low clinical pretest probability (CPTP) and a negative D-dimer

Note: Refer to Appendix A of the original measure documentation, "Wells Model of the Clinical Pretest Probability of Deep Vein Thrombosis."

Exclusions

Unspecified

Exclusions/Exceptions

not defined yet

Numerator Inclusions/Exclusions

Inclusions

Number of patients age 18 years and older suspected of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) who have a low clinical pretest probability (CPTP) and a negative D-dimer who undergo a leg duplex ultrasound (DUS)

Exclusions

Unspecified

Numerator Search Strategy

Fixed time period or point in time

Data Source

Electronic health/medical record

Type of Health State

Does not apply to this measure

Instruments Used and/or Associated with the Measure

Unspecified

Computation of the Measure

Measure Specifies Disaggregation

Does not apply to this measure

Scoring

Rate/Proportion

Interpretation of Score

Desired value is a lower score

Allowance for Patient or Population Factors

not defined yet

Standard of Comparison

not defined yet

Identifying Information

Original Title

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